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PATENT

Docket No. GC507-2

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of

Becker et al.

Serial No. 09/215,095

Filed: 12/18/98

For: Matrix Granule

Group Art Unit: 1631

Examiner: M. Borin

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents
Box RCE
Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

Prior to issuing an office action on the merits, please enter the following preliminary amendment.

In the Claims

66. (Once amended) A granule comprising,

a) a seed particle and

b) a protein matrix layered over the seed particle wherein said matrix includes a protein mixed together with a combination of a sugar or sugar alcohol and a polysaccharide structuring agent.

83. (Once amended) An enzyme granule comprising,

(a) a seed particle and

(b) an enzyme matrix layered over the seed particle